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In Re Appln. of: Robert Filepp et al.

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Examiner: H. R. Herndon

Filed: November 26, 1993

Title: METHOD FOR PRESENTING APPLICATIONS
IN AN INTERACTIVE SERVICE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 7, 1994, Applicants request the following amendments be entered in their application, and that their application be reconsidered in light of those amendments and the related remarks presented below.

In the Abstract:

Rewrite the Abstract as Follows:

A method for presenting applications in an interactive service [is described. The method features] featuring steps for generating [a]screen displays of the service applications at the reception systems of the respective users. [respective reception systems provided in a computer network on which the services is provided for user interaction. In accord with the method, steps] Steps are [included] provided for generating [a plurality of] the application displays as screens having a plurality of partitions, [in which at least a user-requested application is



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concurrently presented with a group of] the partitions being constructed from reusable elements. In accord with the method, the screens include at least a first partition at which an application may be presented and a second, concurrently displayed partition including command functions for managing the display. The method further [features] includes steps for providing [the] command functions [group with a subgroup of functions] that facilitate random navigation to new applications[, employing] with a variety of different procedures [of the user's selection] which the user can choose from. In (preferred) one form, the functions are presented as a command bar located at [a fixed region of] the bottom of the screen. [As well] Further, the method includes steps for opening and closing windows on the display to enable presentation of additional data relating to the presented applications. Still further, the method includes steps for providing additional partitions for concurrently displaying other applications, which may include advertising.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method for presenting applications of an interactive service provided on a computer network, the network including a multiplicity of user reception systems at which respective users may request a multiplicity of available service applications, the respective reception systems including a monitor at which the applications requested can be presented as

one or more screens of display, the method comprising the steps of:

a. generating a screen display at the respective reception systems that includes a plurality of partitions, the partitions being constructed from elements that may be reused;

b. generating at least a first partition for presenting applications; and

c. generating concurrently with the first partition at least a second partition for presenting a [group] plurality of command functions, the command[s of the] functions including at least a first group [being] which are selectable to manipulate the [screen] display of applications.

Sub E³ 4. (Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein providing the first subgroup [group] of command functions includes providing at least one command for causing the user to be presented with a plurality of different procedures for navigating to a new application.

Sub E³ 10. (Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein providing the [second group] first subgroup of command functions includes providing at a command for enabling the user to progress through a sequence of applications previously designated.

REMARKS

In the Official Action dated December 7, 1994, the Examiner asserted that Applicants' Amendment filed October 21, 1994, by certificate of mailing was non-responsive because in the revisions to the Abstract and claims 1, 4 and 10, Applicants failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Following review of the their Amendment, Applicants were uncertain as to basis for the Examiner's objection and, Applicants' attorney telephoned the Examiner to obtain clarification. Regrettably, on the occasion of the call, the Examiner was unavailable and a message had to be left. Subsequently, Applicants' attorney received a telephone message from the Patent and Trademark Office advising that the reason for the Examiner's objection was that in the revisions to the Abstract and claims 1, 4 and 10, matter to be deleted was indicated with parentheses ("()") rather than brackets ("[]").

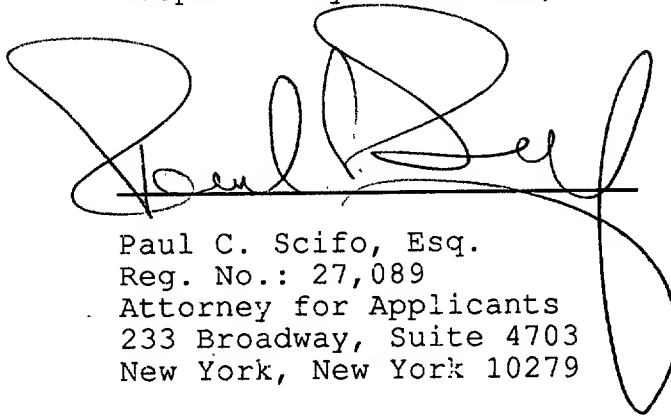
Accordingly, in order to move prosecution forward, Applicants has resubmitted their proposed amendments to the Abstract and claims 1, 4 and 10 with matter to be deleted indicated with brackets.

In view of the noted amendments and preceding remarks, Applicants would respectfully submit that their invention is patentably distinguished from the art cited, and, that all objections raised by the examiner have been resolved.

Therefore, Applicants, once again, requests reconsideration of their application and issuance of a patent thereon.

Dated: January 9, 1995,

Respectfully submitted,



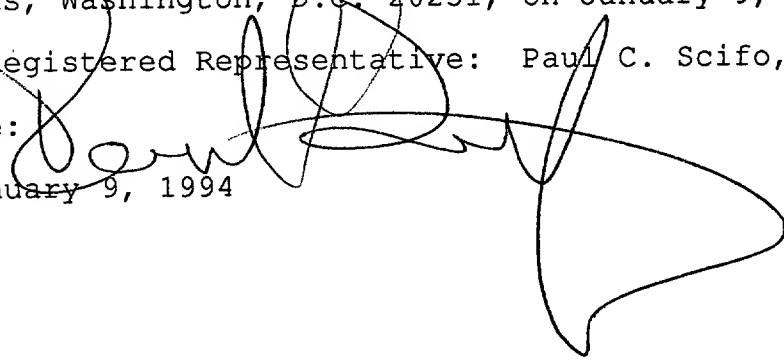
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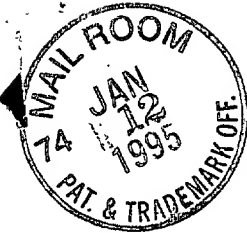
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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In connection with the above referenced application, I am enclosing herewith:

I. A reply to the Office Action of December 7, 1994, the reply including:

1. An amendment of 5 pages.

No amendment fee is required based on the following calculation:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREV. PAID	EXTRA	RATE	FEE
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In the event there are any questions concerning these items, please feel free to contact me during business hour either by telephone at (212) 513-1122, or by FAX at (212) 513-1123. Your assistance is appreciated.

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